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THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Pat Dolan  
Chair, City Council  
St Louis County Council  
Administration Building  
41 S. Central Avenue  
Clayton, MO 63105

Dear Mr. Dolan:

This is in response to "St. Louis County Council Resolution #1, December 16, 2014," forwarded in a December 14, 2014, letter to the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Administrator has asked me to respond as Region 7 is the Agency's lead for the West Lake Superfund site.

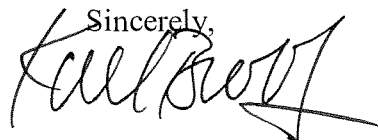
The first request in Resolution #1 was that EPA Region 7 release the United States Geological Survey groundwater report for the site. On December 17, 2014, EPA received the report, "Background Groundwater Quality, Review of 2012-14 Groundwater Data, and Potential Origin of Radium at the West Lake Landfill Site St. Louis County, Missouri" and made it available to the public on that same day.

The second request was that the EPA provide an occupational health risk analysis to give guidance to first responders in the event of a surface fire in radiologically impacted areas of the Site. The agency has assisted St. Louis County and other local first responder entities in developing the current emergency response plan in any unlikely event that necessitates an action at the West Lake Landfill Superfund site by local first responders. The agency has participated on numerous conference calls, reviewed and commented on draft plans, and continues to serve in an advisory capacity on the Westlake Landfill Emergency Planning Team.

The agency does not perform occupational health risk analyses but instead we suggest you contact the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health with your request. The agency recently received a copy of the July 9, 2014, Health Hazard Evaluation prepared by NIOSH at the request of Mr. Harold Schaitberger, General President of the International Association of Fire Fighters on behalf of IAFF Local 265. The agency is willing to be part of more focused conversations with the Westlake Emergency Planning Team in response to the findings and recommendations found in that evaluation.



I greatly appreciate the efforts that the St. Louis County emergency response office is making to be prepared to take action, if needed, in response to emergencies. Please feel free to contact Mr. Scott Hayes, Emergency Response and Removal South Branch Region 7 Superfund Division, regarding emergency response matters at the West Lake Landfill Superfund site. Mr. Hayes can be reached at 913-551-7670.

Sincerely,  


Karl Brooks